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SUBJ: BIO: GIULIO GRASSINI AND WALTER PELOSI

1. BY THE END OF MAY, THE PRESENT SECURITY ORGANIZATION SID IS TO BE REPLACED BY A NEW TRIPARTITE BODY WHICH WILL CONSIST OF THE CESIS--COMITATO ESECUTIVO PER L'INFORMAZIONE E LA SICUREZZA--WHICH WILL COORDINATE THE NEW MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS (SIMSI AND SIDE) AND WILL HAVE AS ITS SECRETARY GENERAL GAETANO NAPOLITANO, THE PRESENT PREFECT OF ROME. THE PRESIDENCY OF CESIS REMAINS VACANT AWAITING THE RESULTS OF INTER-PARTY NEGOTIATIONS ON THAT DELICATE POSITION. FORMER STATE SECRETARY AND SPECIAL COMMISSIONER IN THE FRIULI ZAMBERLETTI WAS SLATED FOR THE JOB BUT ALLEGEDLY LOST OUT AFTER HE WAS 'BURNED' DURING THE FRIULI SCANDALS IN WHICH HIS

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PERSONAL SECRETARY BALBO IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

A. SISMI--SERVIZIO PER LE INFORMAZIONI E LA SICUREZZA MILITARE--WHICH IS THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE SID AND WILL BE HEADED BY GENERAL SANTOVITO.

B. SIDE--SERVIZIO PER LE INFORMAZIONI E LA SICUREZZA DEMOCRATICA--WHICH IS THE NEW CIVILIAN SECURITY BRANCH AND WILL BE HEADED BY BRIGADIER GENERAL GIULIO GRASSINI, THIRD CARABINIERI BRIGADE, PADOVA (FOR THE TRE VENEZIE).

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2. GIULIO GRASSINI: BORN IN ROME ON JANUARY 11, 1922. MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN. GRADUATE OF MODENA MILITARY ACADEMY AND HAS A DEGREE IN LAW. HE HOLDS TWO CROSSES OF MERIT FOR DISTINGUISHED WARTIME PERFORMANCE. HE HAS BEEN BRIGADE COMMANDER SINCE 1975. GRASSINI PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE CRUCIAL POST-EARTHQUAKE DAYS. HE WAS A CLOSE COLLABORATOR AND VALUED SUPPORTER OF ZAMBERLETTI FOR MORE

THAN A YEAR AND IT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY DURING THAT PERIOD THAT HE CAUGHT THE EYE OF MINISTER COSSIGA.

3. WALTER PELOSI: PRESENT PREFECT OF VENICE AND COMMISSARIO DEL GOVERNO FOR THE VENETO HAS BEEN NAMED TO SUCCEED NAPOLITANO

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AS PREFECT OF ROME. HE WAS BORN AT SANTA MARIA CAPUAVETERE (CASERTA) IN 1921. HE IS MARRIED AND HIS THREE CHILDREN STUDY AT THE UNIVERSITY. HE JOINED THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN 1940, SERVED AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE ENGINEER CORPS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND WAS DEPORTED TO GERMANY IN 1943. HE HAS BEEN IN VENICE SINCE 1976 ON TRANSFER FROM VARESE. NEWS OF HIS NEW APPOINTMENT HAS LED TO WARM ACCOLADES FOR HIS PERFORMANCE IN THAT NOT EASIEST OF CITIES FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

4. GRASSINI AND PELOSI ARE CLOSE COLLEAGUES OF AND GOOD FRIENDS TO THIS CONSULATE. AMBASSADOR GARDNER MET THE TWO MEN DURING HIS VISIT TO THE VENETO LAST SEPTEMBER AND ESTABLISHED A CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH. MOEN.

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